



MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL OF ADVISORS in ATHLETIC TRAINING
MINUTES
June 23, 2016

Members

Jeff Bryant, Chairperson
Richey Woods
Marcus Osborne
Matt Weisenberger

Members Absent

Jason Craft, MD
Kira Berch
Shawn Robinson

MSDH

Festus E. Simkins
Tess Funches, SAAG
Ebony Gunn
Yolanda Morrow
Dexter J. Robinson

1. Mr. Simkins called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. Approval of Minutes

The Council Minutes from January 6, 2016, were approved.

3. Old Business

- A. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that the *Regulations Governing Licensure of Athletic Trainers* have been amended to reflect the current standards of the Board of Certification (BOC). The updated Regulations were posted on the MSDH website on April 15, 2016.
- B. Mr. Simkins presented the new Athletic Trainer Advisory Council By-Laws for adoption by the Council. A motion to approve the By-Laws was made by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Bryant. The motion passed.

4. New Business

- A. Licensure updates were provided by Ms. Morrow.
- B. The Council discussed two scope of practice questions. First, can an athletic trainer insert an IV if they are properly trained to do so? A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Osborne that inserting an IV is not within the scope of practice of an athletic trainer. However, if an athletic trainer is certified under another health profession to insert an IV, they may do so when acting under that other certification. The motion passed. Second question, can an athletic trainer perform dry needling? A motion was

made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Osborne that dry needling is not within the scope of practice of an athletic trainer. It may be performed by an athletic trainer if it is performed under another certification. The motion passed.

- C. Mr. Simkins updated the Council on the status of Mr. Dill's complaint. He informed the Council that the individual signed a Consent Agreement and that his license was reinstated on disciplinary probation. Mr. Osborne felt that the Consent Order should have listed a stronger penalty. Ms. Funches stated she would discuss with other Legal staff, the penalty options for individuals who violate the Regulations. Mr. Woods wanted to know if a cease and desist letter could be sent with the expiration notice. Mr. Simkins explained that the letter that is mailed to the applicant states that they are not to work if they have not renewed their license. Mr. Woods also inquired about the complaint against Mr. Heath. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that the legal office was drafting a letter to be sent to Mr. Heath. Ms. Morrow will contact Ms. O'Neal for an update on the status of the letter.
 - D. Mr. Bryant inquired if House Bill 289 would impact the licensing of athletic trainers. Mr. Simkins explained that HB 289 would not affect the profession and that the Bill mainly affected services that the Department of Health provides in clinics.
 - E. Mr. Bryant expressed concerns pertaining to licensure protection. His concerns were covered when the Council addressed stiffer penalty options for violators and that the expiration notices inform individuals that they are not to work if their license has expired.
 - F. Mr. Bryant asked about retired status information. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that the Department does not have a category for individuals in a retired status; therefore, such information is not available.
 - G. Ms. Morrow provided the Council members with a Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer's request for comments document. She requested that the Council members respond to her by July 10, 2016, if they have comments.
- 5. The next Council meeting will be in January 2017. The exact date has yet to be determined.
 - 6. The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.


Council Chairperson


MSDH By:


Date


Date